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Contributions to the systematics of New World macro-moths II

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This special issue of ZooKeys, "Contributions to the systematics of New World macro-moths II" marks the second volume is this series that was initiated in May 2009 (Schmidt and Lafontaine 2009). As in the previous volume, the focus here is on the North American Noctuoidea with the goal of having as complete and updated a classification of this fauna as possible for a new check list of the Noctuoidea of North America (Lafontaine and Schmidt 2010). Fifteen authors contributed 15 manuscripts for this volume, which includes the description of three new genera, 23 new species, and four new subspecies. Also, 64 new or revised synonyms, 13 new or revised statuses, and 125 new or revised generic combinations are proposed herein.

A total of 22 authors contributed to the first two volumes of "Contributions" and the list of areas needing taxonomic revision continues to grow, so plans for a third volume are already underway. Expansion of coverage to other taxonomic groups and the Neotropics is anticipated in subsequent volumes. Interested authors are encouraged to contact us.

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